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REMARKS

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1. On five days between 1 and 10 May 1951, all quarters in the Hubertus Kaserne, Hamburg, were fully lighted. The order barring civilians from the billeting area was lifted on 7 May.

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2. All quarters of the Bluecher Kaserne were also lighted on five days between 1 and 10 May 1951. Troops observed in the installation wore black-bordered ruby epaulets. About 400 troops, including 35 officers, from the installation were loaded at the freight yard for shipment toward Bad Koesen in the evening of 3 May. German employees were allowed to enter the installation on 6 May for the first time since 10 April.

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3. On four days prior to 10 May, all windows of the Hindenburg Kaserne were lighted, but there was no regular training activity of the troops there. These troops wore black-bordered ruby epaulets. In the evening of 6 May, 600 to 700 troops, who wore black-bordered ruby epaulets and apparently came from the Hindenburg Kaserne, were loaded at the main railroad station. The double sentries previously seen patrolling the billeting area were withdrawn on 7 May.

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4. An undetermined number of troops from the Bismarck Kaserne were loaded at the main railroad station on three trains in the evening of 6 May and left toward Bad Koesen. The troops, who included 50 officers up to and including majors, wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and tank insignia. The materiel which the troops took with them included 6 x 100-mm AT guns, 4 x 120-mm field howitzers, 6 T-34 tanks, and 15 motor vehicles.

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In spite of the departure of the troops, all windows of the installation were lighted on 7 and 10 May in the evenings.

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5. The Barbara Kaserno, which appeared to be about 50 percent occupied, still quartered troops who wore blue-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was noticed. Ten officers and 30 N marched to the main railroad station and boarded a passenger train leaving toward Rad Kosen on 5 May.

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6. On 17 May, a troop train of 25 flatcars, loaded with about 50 trucks was observed at the Hamburg freight yard. The shipment was guarded by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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- 25X1A. Comment. Conclusions as to the occupation of the barracks installations in Hamburg were made in a previous report. The information in the present report on troops departing by rail indicates that further headquarters units of the XVII Gds Mz Rifle Corps and elements of the 57th Gds Mz Rifle Div moved to the Kindel troop training grounds.

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previously mentioned a major troop movement between 17 and 30 April 1951.

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